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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Phillip A. Hetherington et al.

Appln. No.: 10/688,802

Filed: October 16, 2003

For: SYSTEM FOR SUPPRESSING WIND  
NOISE

Examiner: Sharon Brooks

Art Unit: 2644

Attorney Docket No: 11336/592 (P03131USP)

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Sir: Attached is/are:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.), PTO 1449 (1 pg.), and a copy of the International Search Report (2 pgs.).  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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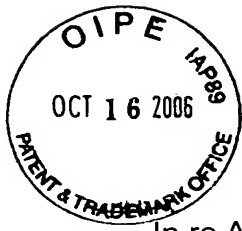
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
US 6,163,608	12/19/2000	Romesburg et al.
US 2002-0094100 A1	07/18/2002	Kates et al.
US 2004-0138882	07/15/2004	Miyazawa
US 6,859,420 B1	02/22/2005	Coney et al.

This application is a continuation-in-part of application of U.S. Serial No. 10/410,736, filed on April 10, 2003, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is

not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

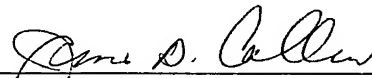
For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicants certify that US patent publications cited at E1 (Romesburg et al.) and E3 (Miyazawa) on the attached PTO 1449 form, were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, International Application No. PCT/CA2006/000578, dated August 1, 2006 (a copy is attached for the Examiner's reference).

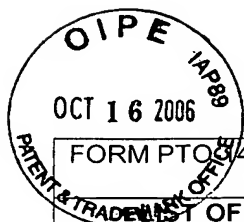
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Respectfully submitted,

10.12.2006

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